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Asian Heritage Month celebrates the Asian culture for its 9th year throughout the month of April.

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Panther starting pitcher Andrew Grahn pitched three innings and allowed four runs, eight hits and struck out one batter.

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"TELL THE TRUTH AND DON'T BE AFRAID"

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## Competition narrowed in tugs round no. 2

By Katie Smith  
Editor-in-Chief | @DEN\_news

Eastern baseball players, waiting out their game's rain delay, watched through the chain link surrounding Coaches Stadium as the Greek community sank knee-deep into thick mud and cleaned off with a defeating splash into Campus Pond.

Sigma Chi fraternity walked away from Wednesday's Tugs competition with the fastest win, defeating Phi Kappa Theta fraternity with a time of 0.27 seconds.

Glenn Oskvarek, a senior member of Sigma Chi, said this win was the fastest he has seen from his fraternity. Despite their victory, how-

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- Glenn Oskvarek, senior member of Sigma Chi

ever, members of Sigma Chi plan on maintaining level heads going into the next round of competitions.

"We're taking the mind set of one game at a time," Oskvarek said. "It doesn't matter who the competition is. We're just going to go out there and give it our all and hope for the best."

The second round of Greek Week's competition continued Wednesday despite persisting rain and wet fields from hail earlier in the day.

The rain was no deterrent for the game's competitors, and the consequential mud did not seem to af-

fect the results, with half of the winners having tugged on the East side of the pond and the other half on the West side.

Tera Lesli, a junior member of Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority, shook from a sore body and said she felt their 2:30 victory over Delta Delta Delta sorority in every muscle.

"That mud was no joke, but we stuck it out and we got it," she said.

Between the crowd's cheering and the demands barked from her coaches, Lesli said she was able to deny her tiring muscles and literally pull through.

"They had us at the beginning almost but we stuck and we took them back," she said. "If the crowd is telling to get down and do it you're going to get down and do it."

Sigma Pi fraternity earned the first win of the afternoon, with a 3:20 victory over Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity.

Terrence Redding, a senior member of Sigma Pi, said his fraternity's tuggers have been training for the competition since the first day they were allowed to use the rope.

Although they beat their competition, Redding said the team knows what it needs to improve upon.

"It was a little longer than we would have hoped, but there's always tomorrow," he said.

He said no matter how close Sigma Pi comes to being the overall Big Man Tugs champion, the team will take each round one match at a time.

"We're looking ahead to the next rope always. It's not the championship we're looking at, it's who's in front of us to get to that championship," he said. "We're never slowing down."

Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity defeated Delta Tau Delta fraternity



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Kenny Micks, a senior panish major, tucks with Sigma Nu Wednesday at the Campus Pond. Sigma Nu defeated Sigma Alpha Epsilon with a time of 2:07.

with a time of 1:18.

Chidi Obia, a senior member of Lambda Chi Alpha, said the team's months of training helped them withstand the day's elements.

"We started inside doing three on threes and four on fours to get our endurance up," he said.

Sigma Nu fraternity's 2:07 win over Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, marked the day's last Big Men tug.

David Carroll, a junior member of Sigma Nu said the fraternity's hard work paid off.

"It feels good that we put in that much time and effort and we were able to win," he said. "I think this one got the pre-tug jitters out, so I think we'll be fine from there."

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Matthew Boll, a senior business management major, and Louis Samson, a senior accounting major, coach members of the Kappa Delta tug team Wednesday at the Campus Pond. Kappa Delta defeated Sigma Kappa with a time of 1:29.

## Severe weather risk to continue

By Stephanie Markham  
News Editor | @stephm202

Much of the Midwest including East Central Illinois will be at an enhanced risk for severe weather Thursday with the potential for damaging winds, large hail and a few tornadoes, according to the National Weather Service.

Cameron Craig, Eastern climatologist, said because of the potential for severe weather, people should monitor TV, AM or FM radio for watches or warnings.

"If you're going to go out to the bars, it's a good idea to check the forecast," he said. "Check the National Weather Service website to see if there are any hazards expected."

Craig said a watch is issued when conditions are favorable and people should monitor the situation, while a warning occurs when

severe weather has been reported. At that point, people should take immediate action by seeking shelter.

"On campus we've got our siren system, so people should be aware of what to do, have a plan in action," he said.

He said the area currently in watch has a 45 percent chance of experiencing some sort of extreme severe weather Thursday.

The Charleston area saw 0.5-inch hail at 6:30 a.m. Wednesday, while Champaign had nickel-sized hail and west of the Champaign area had 2.5-inch hail, Craig said.

Dan Ensen, the director of the Coles County emergency management agency, said the severe weather season usually starts in April and lasts for four or five months.

"This is not an anomaly that we just get this storm (Wednesday)," Ensen said. "This is the sea-

son, and when the weather gets warm, like (Wednesday) when it was in the 70s, and the cold front comes up and mixes with that warm weather, that's what causes the storm."

He said Thursday is forecasted for temperatures of 70 degrees and higher as well.

Ensen said he expects the hail might begin at around 11 a.m. Thursday.

"Sometime early in the afternoon is when we're probably going to get hammered with it, and it will probably go until the storm kicks it out of the area," he said.

Ensen said when the sky darkens and hail can be seen on the ground, people should enter the nearest place of shelter and stay away from windows until the storm rolls away.

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## Student Senate accept budget decreases

By Luis Martinez  
Administration Editor | @DEN\_News

The Student Senate approved the four revised budgets from Apportionment Board, Campus Recreation, University Board, and the Student Government Association on Wednesday.

Representatives from the four boards presented the revised budgets to the senate before bringing them to Dan Nadler, the vice president for student affairs, for final approval.

The Apportionment Board met a few weeks ago to discuss the total number of appropriated funds allotted to the four boards. The total amount to be divided among the four boards was \$445,000.

After the Apportionment Board meeting, the newly revised budgets were that the Apportionment Board received \$39,379; Campus Recreation received \$185,485;

University Board received \$179,436; and Student Government Association received \$38,200.

Sarah Daugherty, the assistant director of facilities, discussed what the cuts mean for the recreation center.

Originally, the budget for the recreation center included a \$7,000 maintenance fee, \$54,000 paid to the graduate assistants, and \$150,000 for student payroll.

In the revised budget, the board decided to cut the maintenance fee, and reduced the amount for student payroll to \$131,485, a decrease of \$18,515; however, the graduate student fees remained the same.


Daugherty said the only reason the graduate assistants were not cut is because she and Kevin Linker, assistant director of intramurals, are the only professional staff working at the recreation center.

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Local weather

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Students congregate for old, new games

By Stephanie White  
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Students took a break from their studies and came together to play new and old style video games Wednesday night.

The University Board hosted a video game night in the Grand Ballroom in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. There were four stations where four different systems were plugged in, ready for people to play games on them.

Aaliyah Stephens, the special events coordinator, said the night was based off what a previous special events coordinator wanted to do.

“Before I was initiated as the coordinator, we had a video game event already planned. It was actually supposed to be a tournament for Call of Duty,” she said. “I did not like that idea, so I switched it up and went a different route.”

She said she tried to incorporate “old school” games and “new school” games together.

“Having only one game available to play would have limited the players that could come out and actually have fun,” Stephens said.

Students were able to play games on consoles such as Xbox 360, Nintendo Gamecube, Xbox One and Nintendo 64.

She said she chose these consoles because she wants students to go “back to the past” and have fun with childhood toys, at the same time still keeping in touch with current consoles.

“We do have the Gamecube and the 64, because people who want to play those consoles and games aren’t really out anymore, so they are not as



STEPHANIE WHITE | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Students play with old and current video game systems Wednesday night in the Grand Ballroom in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

easy to have access to,” Stephens said.

She said the event is meant to get students to come out and enjoy each other’s company.

“I think it helped people from different diversities come together and did something that everyone had an interest in,” she said.

Blake Berenz, concert coordinator for the UB, said the event is not something the UB does often.

“This is not a demographic we hit every often, and it had a really nice turn out so it was definitely worth hitting,” he said.

Berenz said he would love the UB to have this event again in the future, not only because it was fun, but also because of how well the turn out was.

The UB gave out games during the event for three different systems: the Xbox One, the Wii and the Wii U.

Stephens said she would love to do this event again next year and for it to be bigger.

“We will have more consoles like the PlayStation 4 and different varieties because a lot of people were asking for the PlayStation 4 and other games,” she said. “We will provide even more variety of games and consoles so a lot more people will be able to come.”

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Conference to offer educational sessions

By Marcus Curtis  
Staff Reporter | @DEN\_News

As the semester ends and English majors with teacher certification prepare to graduate, the English Studies Conference, which has taken place since 1999, will plan to be suited toward a broader audience by expanding the topics brought up this year.

Melissa Ames, the director of English education, said in the early years of the conference, it was a final step in the process to graduation for English students receiving teacher certification.

“It soon became a smaller stand-alone conference held on Saturdays once we required that all of our graduating English Language Arts Teacher Certification Students presented at it prior to student teaching,” Ames said.

Ames said over the years, the conference has grown into not only a conference more English

students can participate in, but students and faculty in other departments as well.

Undergraduate students, graduate students and now alumni have the chance to present at the conference.

Ames said this is the first year the conference will not be limited to English teaching students.

“We’re quite excited about the role it will play in our program under our new curriculum,” Ames said.

Ames said, the department’s reasoning behind this year’s conference is to provide students with professional development opportunities they can use to serve not only the campus, but the community as well.

“We feel that our students really benefit from presenting their work publicly and that this additional experience can help them stand apart when they embark on the job market,” she said.

Ames said this is also a chance for students from other departments to connect their work to English studies.

“It also helps our students connect the work that they doing in English studies,” she said.

Pamela Hoff, the keynote speaker from Illinois State University, will be speaking on educational equality in speech titled “We need to Diverse Books” that will connect the different departments.

Hoff’s lecture will be at 3 p.m. Friday in the Lumpkin Hall Auditorium.

“As a result this conference is really one that could benefit anyone interested in education more broadly,” Ames said.

Other than a professional and educational experience, Ames said the attendees are in for a “treat.”

The kickoff of the two-day conference will include a free dessert reception and a book raffle. People in attendance will also be hearing presentations from more than 100 students.

There will also be 39 different panel discussions that audience members can attend; each panel discussion will focus a wide variety of topics, Ames said.


There will also be sessions focusing on internships, post graduation career and study opportunities. The conference begins Thursday and will end Friday.


The opening reception is “We Need Diverse Books!: An Educational Celebration,” at 6 p.m. Thursday in Room 4440 of Booth Library.


Other panel sessions will be from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday in the classrooms on the third floor of Coleman Hall. The schedule of sessions can be found on the English department’s website.

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# Pierce runs on platform to up student involvement

By **Luis Martinez**  
Administration Editor | @DEN\_News

*Editors Note: This is the first of two stories featuring the candidates running for vice president for student affairs in the student government elections.*

Derek Pierce, a freshman finance major, is running for the position of vice president for student affairs in student government.

He is one of two candidates currently running for the position, as the other three positions are running unopposed.

As a finance major, Pierce said he likes working with budgets and interpreting them and he wanted to join Student Government because he was the president of his class in high school.

He also had two older brothers who came to Eastern, and so he said he knows how Eastern used to be.



**Derek Pierce, freshman finance major**

“When they were here, every RSO did have very good attendance,” Pierce said. “A lot of people were involved, it was hard to find a student that wasn’t in at least two or three clubs or RSO.”

He also said he is good friends with the current vice president for student affairs, Yazmin Rodriguez. He helped her with Apportionment Board and

was involved with other boards, which required a student representative such as Student Publications Board, and Intercollegiate Athletics Board.

“I have some experience,” Pierce said. “I’m used to balancing the budget, and having to operate under certain conditions.”

This experience comes from the side business Pierce runs, which is a lawn business he started when he was 13.

“The biggest thing that I really do is focus more on quality than quantity,” Pierce said. “I always make sure that the job is done a hundred percent right because if I’m putting my name on it, I rather be very credible and reliable than just be someone that does the job.”

Pierce said he has learned how to managed money well, including budgeting his own money during the school year.

“There’s a lot of expenses, you got

to plan it out well enough,” Pierce said. “If I only budgeted \$100 for this month, I can’t go spending \$125 on something, I need to be fiscally responsible with it.”

Pierce said he has taken away a sense of hard work, quality, and a through process of thinking through things from running his own business.

“You don’t just want to be a face on the wall or name plate on a door,” Pierce said. “You want to be a face that people can connect with, that can (be) easily approach (with) any concerns, questions. You’re very easy to access.”

Pierce said being reliable and being someone who people can count on is important and he can be counted on to help people, whether it is getting help with sponsoring events, or with any questions they might have.

During Monday’s debate, candidates spoke on how to deal with student apathy on campus, and how they

would decrease it.

“The first step, I think, is just establishing a central system or email or schedule or something online that students can be able to access so then they have the information or when every RSO meeting is, location and time,” Pierce said. “The step after that is then coordinating with the RSOs so they notify me of events.”

Pierce said he would like to integrate RSO events into the weekly student affairs email.

“In order to increase student involvement, I would go with creating a search engine so then students could feel free to search the web engine and connect with an RSO that match their interests,” he said.

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# Speech Team to compete in national tournament

By **Cassie Buchman**  
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Eastern’s Speech Team has a big week-end ahead of them next week as they compete in a national competition April 16 through 20 in Athens, Ohio.

The team members going to the National Forensics Association competition are Marques Brown, the speech team president, Austin Mejdrich, the speech team vice president, and Bethany Oxford, the social chairman.

To qualify for nationals in any event, the competitors had to get into a final round in a regular tournament.

This is the second national tournament the team has competed in, after Pi Kappa Delta, which was also in Athens Ohio.

“We did really well,” Brown said. “We had three events move to the top 10 or 20 percent of the competition.”

The Speech Team was able to make it

to another national tournament despite recent budget cuts.

Because of statewide cuts, the team’s budget was cut by 20 percent.

Mejdrich said they are able to participate in two tournaments because of donations and fundraisers.

“We got the ambition to go when we sat down, and decided we were going to be able to do it,” he said.

Sara Gronstal, the head speech team coach and communication studies professor, said she saw how well the team did at various tournaments.

“They are a team of very hard workers,” she said.

Costs for a tournament can be up to \$2,000, which includes the hotel price and tournament fees.

Mejdrich was in the top 30 percent in Pi Kappa Delta for his impromptu speaking where competitors have two minutes to write a five minute speech based on a topic given to them on the

spot, and Brown came in fourth place for his after dinner speaking, which is an event using humor to talk about serious topics.

The members can compete in multiple events, such as Brown, who participates in six, Oxford who participates in three, and Mejdrich, who competes in three.

Oxford got her start in speech team four years ago, when her brother encouraged her to join.

Brown started in his sophomore year, and Medjdrich joined his freshman year of high school.

Brown said he liked the variety of events in tournaments.

“There are all different events,” he said. “With some of them you get to talk about real problems, and solutions.”

Oxford said she likes the fact that speech team prepares its participant for real life.

“These are skills we could use in the

real world, when we’re looking for a job,” she said.

The performing aspect is what appealed to Mejdrich.

He said he had more choices in what he was able to perform than he did in high school.

“There’s more liberty,” he said. “There’s adults presenting in college, with adult competitors.”

Brown said high school was a more conservative environment toward what the students were allowed to perform.

“The performers didn’t cuss,” he said.

Gronstal, who has been coaching the team since 2008, said they have at least one competitor qualify for nationals.

Wednesday, the speech team performed the pieces that qualified them for nationals in their Spring Showcase.

Mejdrich went first, with an impromptu speech about by Euripides. In his speech, he addressed the idea that people should not let doubt open

them up to failure by using examples of the president of Thailand and the movie “Monsters, Inc.” He also performed a persuasive speech urging listeners to speak out against social media unwittingly using their data for experiments.

Oxford and Brown performed a piece about racist undertones in the media, and Disney movies in particular titled “Mickey Mouse Monopoly.”

Oxford also performed a piece titled “The Valentine Box,” which was about a girl who get pregnant in high school, only to get left by her boyfriend, who later turns out to be gay.

Brown performed an after dinner speech he wrote about being both religious and spiritual, and the problems with homophobic churches.

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**Distinguished Graduate Student Awards Ceremony | 3:30 PM**  
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Stephanie White

## People should be taught to hate raping

I recently watched a sarcastic kind of video online that talked about how women can avoid getting raped.

The woman who was the star of the video, talked at the end on how, yes, it is good that women do know how to defend themselves, but the reason why we are taught this is to avoid rape when in fact people should not be raping each other in the first place.

Why should people be taught how to avoid something that is avoidable when people can just teach others how not to rape?

And no, this does not relate to just women. Men get raped too and people should remember that but that is another topic for another day.

There are so many people who say rape is bad, and people should stop it, but they try to talk to people who have gone through it already or to people who already have a certain belief about sex.

You know what would be a great idea? Teach the children not to rape.

It really is that simple.

Why do people think telling kids not to do a bad thing is bad? Are people afraid of children learning about sex so badly that they will avoid talking about a serious topic like that?

Just because you believe a topic is “dirty” or “they are not old enough yet to hear about sex,” they can end up messing up someone’s life and possibly not know what they did was wrong because you think they are too fragile to hear about it.

It is kind of selfish. Don’t you think?

If a child is old enough to learn about sex in school, they are old enough to learn the responsibilities of sex, which is what rape falls under.

Do not assume that if they know about it they will want to go out raping everyone, but also do not assume they know what is right or wrong.

The world out there is terrifying and I understand parents want to protect their child by not letting them know about people who are capable of something like rape but unfortunately this is the world we live in.

Do not let your fear mess up the life of people.

Talking to a child is a form of self defense; mental self defense

One conversation can save someone’s life. Talk to the young ones about rape. You never know they could be the ones to stop it happening in the future.

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### Today’s quote:

“A friend is someone who knows all about you and still loves you.”

-Elbert Hubbard

## That shouldn’t be there...

## Spring Cleaning



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### STAFF EDITORIAL

## Amtrak budget cuts hurt commuting

Recently, Governor Bruce Rauner proposed a state budget that would include a cut to Illinois’s funding for Amtrak trains that would affect those in Illinois, including many students who use the service.

*The Daily Eastern News* believes that Rauner’s decision would severely hinder students’ ability to make it from and to Eastern.

A statement from the Illinois Department of Transportation said they are working closely with the governor’s office on finding solutions to the serious fiscal problems facing the state.

They should begin working quickly because these cuts are sure to cause a decrease in enrollment when students and families realize that one of the main sources of transportation could potentially cease to exist.

The budget proposed \$26 million in funding for Amtrak. This is \$16 million less than they received the previous year. This kind of drastic cut would greatly lessen the choices that students have for traveling to and from school—essentially getting to Eastern.

Not everyone on campus drives a car or has a reliable person who would be willing to become his or her chauffeur.

Quite frankly, this is an inconsiderate and irresponsible decision on the Governor’s part.

There is a large population of students and staff who rely on Amtrak. Many feel Amtrak is far more financially beneficial.

Although there is a bus on campus, it only goes home on particular holidays whereas Amtrak runs whenever one needs it to.

How would students travel home to see their families once they tickets and available space at bus service run out? Surely it would not be safe or helpful to have to allow those who cannot travel to stay on campus.

Students at Eastern are also thinking about the cuts and service reduction because of the impact it would have on their families and friends. People they know have used Amtrak and were thoroughly satisfied with it.

While the deficit in the state’s budget is exponential, perhaps selecting a business to cut funds from that would not have, as much of a detrimental effect on the students would be wisest.

The daily editorial is the majority opinion of the editorial board of *The Daily Eastern News*.

## Starbucks might actually help with college costs

In a move that will benefit more than 144,000 people, Starbucks is partnering with Arizona State University to pay for the full tuition of any full or part time employee getting a four-year bachelor’s degree from their online program.

I’ve never been the biggest coffee drinker, or Starbucks fan, but this could be the one thing that helps me warm up a little to the coffee giant.

As a college student I may be a little biased, but this is definitely not the worst idea Starbucks has had in recent months, and with rising college tuition rates, it would definitely help more than a few education-bound Starbucks employees.

According to the same article in USA Today, college tuition costs jumped about three percent in the 2014-2015 school year. In a world where college seems to be more and more of a necessity to get a good job, it also seems to be more out of reach to those who aren’t able to pay the thousands of dollars it requires a year.

Before, Starbucks was paying for two years



Cassie Buchman

of college, which, while generous, raised the possibility of those who wanted to not being able to continue their education for two more years to get their bachelor’s degree if they were no longer able to pay for it.

This is a decision that will help employees not just for the four years that they’re getting the degree, but their life afterwards as well, as a college education affords many opportunities not available without one.

It gives Starbucks good publicity, and also gives hard working employees the chance to

succeed. At least at the outset, it seems like a win-win situation. It also shows Starbucks cares about their employees, or at least is putting up the appearance of caring. This is more than most large corporations have even attempted to do.

More students will be able to learn, educate themselves, and take the steps they need for a life they want without being burdened by debt, and worrying about how to pay for all the expensive things a college education requires. In a perfect world, people would be able to work and make enough money to pay for college themselves, or a college education would actually be affordable.

However, this is not a perfect world (it’s a shocking concept, I know) and neither of these things seems to be feasible in the immediate future. So in the meantime, programs like ASUs’ and Starbucks’ will have to help ease the burden of college costs.

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# Bells rings to honor end of Civil War celebration

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Bells will be heard ringing throughout Charleston churches, temples, schools, city halls, public buildings and historic sites from around Coles County for the “Bells Across the Land: A Nation Remembers Appomattox” at 2:15 p.m on Thursday. The bell ringing is for the 150th anniversary of the end of the Civil War.

People and buildings were asked by Charleston Tourism to ring their bells for four minutes. The bell ringing will be followed by one minute of silence. The four minutes are meant to represent the Civil War, which lasted for four years.

**“It’s obviously a very important part of history. It’s nice to have the country commemorate when the Civil War came to an end.”**

- **Diane Ratliff, Charleston tourism director**

Diane Ratliff, the Charleston tourism director, said the St. Charles Church, courthouse, two locations on Eastern’s campus, and several churches in Mattoon were asked to participate.

“One of the locations in Eastern’s campus is on the library quad, the other is down by the clock tower by the library,” she said.

Appomattox Court House National Historical Park will ring their bells first at 2 p.m. This time will be the same as when Union General Ulysses S. Grant met with Confederate General Robert E. Lee to discuss the surrender of Lee’s Army of Northern Virginia, effectively ending the civil war.

Ratliff said Charleston has not participated in an event like this before, even though the National

Park Service has been doing it for four years.

“We started because of the National Park Service,” she said. “Because it was a large event going on in the county, we decided to join in with them.”

At 2 p.m. the general public is also invited by Charleston Tourism to use hand bells and cell phones in the square. Cell phone ring tones can be used as in place of bells. The group will then join with the ringing of the bells.

This ceremony is one of the special events hosted by the National Park, which has hosted many events during the last four years to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the Civil War, and other efforts made for human rights in the present day.

Every organization participating is able to customize the concept of the Civil War to its own situation and ideas.

According to a press release sent by Charleston Tourism, National Park Service asks for participants to ring their bells as a symbol of to mark the end of the “bloody” Civil War, while some communities may ring the bell for other reasons.

These reasons include a celebration of freedom or a nation that had come together again, while others may take it as an opportunity to mourn and have a moment of silence of those who died during the war.

Other sites have even rung bells to mark the reconstruction and reconciliation as a country, or as a symbol of the “continuing struggle for civil rights.”

Schools, parks and communities from all over the country are joining Charleston in this commemorative activity.

Ratliff said the bell ringing was important because of what the end of the Civil War meant in history.

To learn more about the event or to get materials for the commemoration, people can go to the National Park Service website.

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## » TUGS CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Kappa Delta sorority earned the women division’s quickest win with a 1:29 defeat over Sigma Kappa sorority.

Carly Bell, a sophomore member of Kappa Delta, said the team intends to “keep its eye on the prize” looking forward into the next round of matches.

Alpha Sigma Tau sorority won the first women’s match, beating Alpha Phi sorority in 1:56, and Alpha Sigma Alpha sorority trumped Delta Zeta sorority with a time of 1:55.

Both winning teams said each sorority is a hard competitor and they will head into their next matches thinking every team has trained equally as hard as theirs.

Moving forward, Friday’s competitions will be: Sigma Chi vs. Sigma Pi and Sigma Nu vs. Lambda Chi Alpha in the Big Men Division; Sigma Pi vs. Sigma Phi Epsilon, and Lambda Chi vs. Sigma Alpha Epsilon; in the Little Men Division, and Alpha Sigma Tau vs. Alpha Sigma Alpha and Sigma Sigma Sigma vs. Kappa Delta in the Women’s Division.

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30%

SIGMA  
PI

18%

LAMBDA  
CHI  
ALPHA

14%

SIGMA  
CHI

**LITTLE MEN'S DIVISION**  
TOTAL VOTES: 267

30%

SIGMA  
PI

26%

LAMBDA  
CHI  
ALPHA

13%

SIGMA  
PHI  
EPSILON

**WOMEN'S DIVISION**  
TOTAL VOTES: 382

22%

ALPHA  
PHI

21%

KAPPA  
DELTA

15%

ALPHA  
SIGMA  
ALPHA

\*Top three teams shown based on polls from [dailyeasternnews.com](http://dailyeasternnews.com)

## » SEVERE WEATHER CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

“They don’t need to be outside looking,” he said. “They don’t need to be looking to the sky to see what’s going on; they need to find a place in their home that’s safe.”

Ensen said basements are the safest places to go, and those without basements should go inside the bathroom or head to the middle of their home and lie flat with their heads covered.

He said every storm has the potential for a tornado, and if the condition is just right one can emerge and take everyone off guard.

“They need to heed the warnings,” Ensen said. “I’m not sitting up here all day and sending out warnings just to be a jokester.”

He said the biggest problem he has is that people do not always take warnings seriously.

“When that warning is put out, you need to take

cover and be prepared for it,” Ensen said. “The ones that are in peril are the students going from class to class because they don’t have covered areas to walk in.”

Ensen said students at Eastern or any college in general that is not completely indoors should find shelter in a building and wait for the storm to leave if they hear a warning.

“If it’s darkening out and there’s rolling clouds outside and it’s torrential rains with hail coming down, they need to wait,” Ensen said. “Class will wait; they don’t need to mad dash it over there. It’s not worth it.”

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“The graduate assistants are depended on very heavily,” Daugherty said.

Besides the cuts to the budget, the recreation center will also be reducing the amount of hours they are open by 12 hours a week.

Tylen Elliot, the chair of University Board, presented what the University Board came up for its revised budget. The cuts in the budget includ-

ed \$10,000 from movies, \$3,000 from marketing, \$2,364 from special events, and other cuts as well.

“With this upcoming school year because of budget cuts, instead of doing a movie every week, we will be down to doing a movie a month,” Elliot said. “At other universities, (they) really branch out, and they’ll have speakers like Bill Cosby or somebody, and their concerts are really big. That’s not something that we

can afford to do because of our shrinking budget.”

Reginald Thedford, the student body president, presented the revised student government budget.

“We requested \$42,035, which was a decrease of \$1,700 from what the allocated last year,” Thedford said. “(Apportionment Board) allocated \$38,200, so that was a total decrease of \$5,835.”

The cuts included \$1,000 from professional service-

es, \$2,000 from wearing apparel, and \$900 from other commodities.

The Apportionment Board budget was the same through out at \$39,379. The senate approved all four budgets, which will now go to Nadler for final approval.

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## Rainy days



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Wednesday at Coaches Stadium, Panthers roll out the flood tarp on the baseball diamond because of the rain. The game was stopped for a storm delay during the first inning.

# Panthers blank Belmont in road victory

**By Bob Reynolds**  
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The Eastern women’s tennis team has won its fourth game in a row Tuesday against Belmont.

The Panthers shutout Belmont, 4-0, after their top four singles players came out victorious at the APSU Indoor Tennis Center in Clarksville, Tenn.

The match was moved to Clarksville because of inclement weather in the Nashville, Tenn., area.

The Panthers have clinched a spot in the Ohio Valley Conference and are in second place in the conference standings.

Eastern coach John Blackburn said the Panthers are definitely happy with clinching a spot in the tournament.

“We want to keep going,” he said. “We really just want to compete at a high level this weekend, that is our biggest goal going in. “

The Panthers got off to a hot start after sophomore Kelly Iden defeated sophomore Lindsey Whitehead in straight sets 6-2, 7-6.

Eastern added two more straight-set wins in their next two matches.

Junior Ali Foster continued to have success in singles matches as she defeated Laure Van Eeckhoudt 6-3, 6-4.

Freshman Grace Summers defeated sophomore Kendall Warren

7-6, 6-4.

In the No. 4 singles match, senior Sephora Boulbahaïem defeated sophomore Suzanna Stapler 6-4, 4-6, 7-5.

The fifth and sixth singles matches did not finish. Junior Hannah Kimbrough was leading Abbie Mather before the match ended and did not finish.

The same went for sophomore Kamile Stadalninkaite against Maddie Gilley.

Stadalninkaite and Gilley were tied at four when the match ended.

Blackburn said he was impressed with the way his team stayed composed and found a way to come through against tough opponents.

Doubles matches were not needed in the match against Belmont.

Blackburn said winning the last two matches on the road gives his team momentum heading into the next two matches.

“We won two matches against solid teams in Jacksonville State and Belmont, who played very hard and well against us,” he said. “I think the team has experienced success in tight matches, which is a big confidence boost.”

The Panthers will play its final two games of the regular season, and it will be senior weekend, and Blackburn said these next two games are important.

“There is always a lot to play for,” he said. “I think trying sending Sephora out on a high note, who has meant so much to our



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Senior Sephora Boulbahaïem, hits the ball during the Women’s tennis game on Oct. 6, 2014.

team, is a big motivation for all of us.”

The Panthers are coming off a long road trip in which they played their last five matches on the road.

Blackburn said it will be great to be back at home.

“It was a weird year in the

schedule in that we played the third weekend in March at home and haven’t been back home since in conference play,” he said. “It will be great to play here, hopefully in front of a lot of friends and family.”

The Panthers will face Morehead

State Friday and Eastern Kentucky Saturday.

Both matches will start at 10 a.m. at Darling Courts.

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# Women’s golf prepares for Indiana State Invitational

**By Blake Nash**  
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The Eastern women’s golf will compete in their final regular season tournament Saturday, as the Panthers travel to Terre Haute, Ind. for the Indiana State Spring Invitational.

The tournament will take place Saturday through Monday, and is Eastern’s last tournament before the Ohio Valley Conference tournament next week.

The Panthers finished fifth in their last tournament out of 11 teams at the Southern Illinois Saluki Invitational.

Freshman Annie Getzin secured her second consecutive 8-over-par performance, and tied for sixth place with 160 strokes for the tournament.

It was her second consecutive Top 10 finish, as the Jasper, Ind. native finished tied for 8th place at the previous tournament at Butler.

She ended that tournament with 158 strokes and a 16-over-par performance.

Getzin has competed in 15 rounds this season, and has averaged 82.20 strokes per round.

Sophomore Alexandra Pickens and senior Tiffany Wolf followed

Getzin with Top 30 finishes at Southern Illinois.

Both finished in 23rd and 27th place, respectively. Pickens, who had 167, finished with two less strokes than Wolf, who had 169.

Pickens has finished in the Top 30 twice this season, while Wolf has had four.

Pickens has averaged 86.36 points per round this year, and has competed in 14 rounds. She has totaled 1,209 strokes this year, and carries an average of 88.50 strokes per game in her career.

Her finish at the Saluki Invitational was her best finish of the season.

Wolf’s highest finish also came at Southern Illinois, but it came during the fall season.

At the Southern Illinois Fall Shootout, she finished tied for 17th place with 158 strokes.

She finished 14-over-par that tournament.

This weekend’s tournament will take place at the 36-hole Terre Haute Country Club.

Several teams from the Missouri Valley Conference will be competing including: Bradley, Loyola, Drake, Southern Illinois-Carbondale, and Northern Iowa.

Non-conference teams include Eastern, William Woods Universi-

ty (MO) and Dayton.

Temperatures are expected to hover from the mid-60s to 70 degrees throughout the tournament, with only a 10 percent chance of rain Monday.

Eastern will have six days off after the tournament before the OVC championship begins on April 19.

It will conclude April 22 at the Hampton Cove Golf Course in Huntsville, Ala.

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Andrew Grahn, a senior pitcher, pitches in the game Wednesday at Coaches Stadium against Indiana State.

## Limited walks lead Panthers to second victory

By Bob Reynolds  
Sports Editor | @BobReynoldsDEN

Eastern pitchers allowed one walk in eight innings pitched in the 5-4 win over Indiana State Wednesday.

The game was delayed 90 minutes after rain and lighting passed through the area in the afternoon.

The game was called after eight innings because of darkness.

That was the least amount of walks the Panther pitching staff has allowed all season.

Panther starting pitcher Andrew Grahn pitched three innings and allowed four runs, eight hits and struck out one batter.

Eastern coach Jimmy Schmitz

thought Grahn pitched well, besides giving up the one home run.

"Grahn has pitched more and more and more," he said. "I really think he can be a long guy for us."

Senior pitcher Garrison Stenger came on in the top of the fourth and pitched four innings and allowed one hit and no runs.

Stenger also struck out six batters and got the win.

Senior pitcher Chase Thurston got the save for the Panthers, their first recorded save of the season.

Thurston pitched one inning and allowed no hits and no runs, but walked one batter.

Overall, Schmitz was happy with his pitchers pitched in Wednesday's game.

Eastern freshman catcher Hunter Morris successfully completed a suicide squeeze in the bottom of the seventh inning, which scored junior Mitch Gasbarro to give the Panthers a 5-4 lead, which they would hold.

Schmitz said he went with his gut to call the suicide squeeze play in the bottom of the seventh.

"I knew the daylight was apart of it," he said. "I have been waiting for the big inning too much. I knew we needed one to get out of here and 'W's' equal confidence."

Indiana State got off to quick 2-0 lead in the top of the first inning after red-shirt Andy Hayes hit a two-run home run, which scored Sycamore red-shirt senior

Derek Hannahs. The Panthers responded with a run of their own after freshman Joe Duncan scored on a wild pitch.

Indiana State Brian Romero singled through the right side, which scored Hayes to give the Sycamores a 3-1 lead in the top of the third.

Morris singled up the middle in the bottom of the third, which scored freshman Bobby Wenthe and red-shirt junior Demetre Taylor to tie the game at three.

Morris finished the game going 1-for-2 with three runs batted in.

Hannahs hit a sacrifice fly to right field, which scored red-shirt sophomore Tony Roselli.

Duncan doubled down the right

field line, which scored senior first baseman Adam Casson to tie the game at four in the bottom of the fifth.

Eastern drew eight walks on the day as a team and only struck out once.

Sycamore freshman pitcher Ethan Larrison took the loss.

Larrison allowed one run in four innings of work and walked two Panthers.

Eastern will be back in action this weekend starting Friday at 3 p.m. against Ohio Valley Powerhouse Southeast Missouri.

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## Mohammed breaks record at Big Blue Classic meet

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Red-shirt junior Norvel Mohammed is coming off of an EIU Big Blue Classic meet record last weekend in the 200-meter dash with his time of 20.60 seconds.

He also tied for first in the 100-meter dash with a time of 10.54 seconds last weekend and anchored the men's 4x100 relay team that placed second.

In the indoor season, Mohammed placed himself in the Eastern top 10 ranks for the 200-meter dash, the 400-meter dash and the 4x400 meter relay.

His time of 47.05 seconds in the 400-meter dash has him at second all-time and his 200-meter dash score of 21.23 seconds put him at fifth all-time.

Mohammed said he is 'too tall' for indoor track and prefers being outdoors.

He also prefers the 200-meter

dash over other events.

"For the 200-meter, the distance is not too far, not too short," he said. "The 100 doesn't give me enough time to get to full speed, for the 200 I can hit the curve and take off."

Zye Boey, who is the owner of numerous records here at Eastern, is a good reason why Mohammed is here running track right now.

"My freshman year of junior college, the 2012 Big Blue Classic, saw Zye Boey run," he said. "This boy dusted me, and I thought, EIU, this is the place I need to be at."

Mohammed previously attended Lincoln College where he ran in the 200-meter and 400-meter dashes.

He was a junior college All-American in the 400-meter dash where he placed seventh at the national meet with a time of 46.68 seconds.

He advanced in the Junior College National Championships in the 200-meter, 400-meter and the 4x100 relay.

He advanced to the outdoor nationals in both his years at Lincoln College.

Mohammed credits his work ethic as the main reason he has gotten off to such a hot start this outdoor season.

"Training and being in the weight room a lot, not taking days off," he said. "It's showing off on the track."

Norvel is from Sun Prairie, Wisc. where he attended and ran track at Sun Prairie High School.

He was second in the Wisconsin Division I State Championships as a senior in the 200-meter dash with a time of 21.87 seconds.

Mohammed suffered the worst injury of his career while in high school.

"Senior in high school, my

body was feeling a little tight from the meet the night before," he said. "We were playing speedball and I went to kick the ball and the kid removed the ball, and I tore my calf in half."

That injury does not seem to be harming him too much as he is off to a good start and has big things he wants to achieve this season.

"I want to become an All-American and a national champion in the 400 and 200," he said.

Ephraim Dorsey, a senior middle-distance runner is some one who serves as a role model to Mohammed.

"Ephraim Dorsey, he gets things done, takes care of business and takes no days off," he said.

Easter coach Tom Akers reflected on the recruiting process of Norvel Mohammed.

"He ran at Lincoln College, the junior college, they

come over to a lot of our indoor meets," he said. "We noticed him there, we saw he had a great range from the 60 up to the four, and we have a pretty good relationship with his coach over there at Lincoln College."

Akers thinks Eastern has been the right fit for Mohammed.

"I think he enjoyed meeting some of the guys on the team and we're lucky enough to get him in here and I think it's been a good fit for him as far as the things he needs to be successful, not only on the track, but also in the classroom," he said.

Mohammed and teammates have five more meets this season until the OVC Outdoor Championship in May.

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